DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation.

ACTION: Request for Nominations to Serve on the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA).

SUMMARY: At this time, the Secretary of Education invites interested parties to submit nomination(s) for individuals to serve on the National Committee on Foreign Medical Education and Accreditation (NCFMEA).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NCFMEA was established by the Secretary of Education under Section 102 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended. The Committee shall consist of eleven (11) members appointed to a three year term (initial terms will be staggered one year, two year, or three year term, as determined by the Secretary of Education), one of whom shall be a student at the time of appointment, enrolled in an accredited medical school. As of September 30, 2014, the terms of the current eleven (11) NCFMEA members will expire.

Upon request from a foreign country, the NCFMEA evaluates the standards of accreditation applied to applicant foreign medical schools in that country and determines the comparability of these standards to standards for accreditation applied to medical schools in the United States. Medical schools located in foreign countries that lack an NCFMEA finding of comparability of their accrediting standards are not eligible to have their U.S. students receive Federal student aid funds under Title IV of the HEA.

NOMINATION PROCESS: Any interested person or organization may nominate one or more qualified individuals for membership. If you would like to nominate an individual or yourself for appointment to the NCFMEA (including incumbents who wish to seek reappointment), please submit the following information to the U.S. Department of Education's White House Liaison Office.

- A cover letter addressed to the Secretary of Education that provides your reason(s) for nominating the individual; and
- A copy of the nominee's current resume or curriculum vitae.

 Contact information for the nominee (name, title, business address, business phone, fax number, and business e-mail address).

In addition, the cover letter must include a statement affirming that the nominee (if you are nominating someone other than yourself) has agreed to be nominated and is willing to serve on the Committee if selected. Nominees should be broadly knowledgeable about foreign medical education and accreditation, respected in the educational community, and representative of the relevant constituencies.

DATES: Nominations via mail for the NCFMEA must be postmarked by June 16, 2014. Electronic or hand delivered nominations must be received by no later than 12:00 noon Eastern Daylight Savings Time June 16, 2014.

ADDRESSES: You may submit nominations, including attachments by any of the following methods:

- Electronically: Send to whitehouseliasion@ed.gov
 (specify in the e-mail subject line "NCFMEA

 Nomination").
- Mail, express delivery, hand delivery, messenger, or courier service: Submit one copy of the documents listed above to the following address: The Honorable

Arne Duncan, Secretary of Education, U. S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, S.W., Washington, D. C. 20202.

Please submit nomination information via only one (1) of the methods mentioned above.

For questions related to NCFMEA, contact Carol Griffiths, NCFMEA Executive Director at (202)219-7035; or via e-mail at Carol.Griffiths@ed.gov. For questions about the nominations process contact the U. S. Department of Education, White House Liaison Office at 202 401-3677.

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